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MINERO (BAMIN)

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1. PRESS OF JANUARY 8 REPORTED ARRIVAL OF LARGE AMOUNT SOVIET MINING MACHINERY SOLD ON CREDIT TO BAMIN IN 1972 AND 1973. TOTAL VALUE OF MACHINERY IN ROUTE AND ALREADY IN BOLIVIA REPORTEDLY AMOUNTS TO US\$ 5 MILLION, OF WHICH SOVIET FIRMS MACHINO EXPORT SOLD US\$ 3 MILLION, POLISH FIRM KOPEX ALSO SOLD BAMIN US\$ 250,000 WORTH OF MACHINERY ALREADY IN BOLIVIA.

2. SOVIET CREDIT TERMS ARE 15 PERCENT CASH AND BALANCE AT 3 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE IN 10 YEARS. POLISH LOAN AT 5 PERCENT ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE IN 10 YEARS.

3. TO DATE BAMIN REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MACHINERY FROM MACHINOEXPORT WORTH US\$ 2,316,000; FROM TECHMASHEXPORT, US\$ 160,616; FROM ENERGOMASHEXPORT, US\$ 760,333; AND FROM POLISH FIRM KIPEX US\$ 250,000.

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4. BAMIN REPORTS 1974 SALES OF ABOVE MACHINERY TO MEDIUM

MINERS AMOUNTED TO US\$ 500,000 AND BLAMES LOW SALES
FIGURE ON ASSEMBLING MACHINERY AND LACK OF WAREHOUSE SPACE
TO STORE IT. SOON AS SPACE FOUND, MACHINERY TO BE EXHIBITED
TO PUBLIC. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REPORTEDLY CONSIST OF
POWER SHOVELS, LOADERS, VIBRATING SCREENS, BALL MILLS,
CRUSHERS, CONVEYER BELTS, DRILLING STEEL, WEIGHING SCALES,
MINERAL CONCENTRATING TABLES, MINE HEAD-LAMPS, WELDING
EQUIPMENT, AIR HOISTS, COMPRESSORS, AND OTHER TYPES.
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